IN THE CLAIMS

1-11. **(Cancelled)**

12. **(Previously amended)** A rearview mirror assembly for attachment to a vehicle via a holding tube, the assembly comprising:

a housing including a framing element configured to attach to the holding tube; and

a clamping part configured to attach to the holding tube disposed opposite of the framing element, the framing element and the clamping part cooperating to clamp about the holding tube and releasably attach to each other, the clamping part further configured to fastenably hold a mirror element, wherein the clamping part has a hook element and the framing element has a snap connection, the hook element and the snap connection snap-connectable to secure the framing element and the clamping part together;

wherein the framing element defines a first recess and the clamping part defines a second recess, the first and second recess configured to encase the holding tube.

13. **(Withdrawn)**

14. **(Previously Amended)** A rearview mirror assembly with a mirror element for a vehicle, the assembly comprising:

a holding component configured to attach to the vehicle;

a first clamping part configured to attach to the holding component; and

a second clamping part configured to attach to the holding component disposed opposite of the first clamping part, the first and second clamping parts cooperating to clamp about the holding component and releasably attach to each other, the second clamping part further configured to fastenably hold the mirror element, wherein the second clamping part has at least one hook element and the first clamping part has at least one snap connection, the at least one hook element and the at least one snap connection snap-connectable to secure the first clamping part and the second clamping part together; and,

wherein the first clamping part is a plastic housing framing having at least one opening therethrough and the second clamping part is a bracket element.

15. **(Original)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein the holding component is substantially circular in axial cross section.

16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Previously Amended)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein the bracket element is a material selected from the group consisting of reinforced plastic, fiberglass and metal.

18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Previously Amended)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein a connection part is disposed on the bracket element, the bracket element having at least another opening therethrough, the at least another opening substantially overlapping the at least one opening of the housing framing.

20. **(Previously Amended)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 19, further comprising a connection element configured to be fastened to the connection part such that the housing framing and the bracket element are fastened together about the holding component.

21. **(Previously Amended)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 20, wherein the connection element is a screw.

22. **(Previously Amended)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 20, wherein the at least one connection element is a rivet.

23. **(Withdrawn)**

24. **(Withdrawn)**

25. **(Withdrawn)**

26. **(Withdrawn)**

27. **(Withdrawn)**

28. **(Original)** The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, further comprising means for securing the first and second clamping parts against rotational displacement relative to the holding component.

29. **(Withdrawn)**

30. **(Cancelled)**

31. **(Cancelled)**

32. **(Cancelled)**

33. **(Cancelled)**

34. **(Cancelled)**